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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA NIACT

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FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

E.O. 12065: RDS, 12/29/99 (HOLBROOKE, R.)

AGS: SHUM, RP, PEPR

SUBJECT: AQUINO INQUIRY ABOUT POSSIBLE US INVOLVEMENT  
IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR HIS RELEASE

REF: MANILA 24484

1. (S) - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. I AGREE YOU SHOULD RESPOND TO SALONGA'S INQUIRY ABOUT U.S. INTEREST IN AQUINO. HOWEVER, I THINK OUR OBJECTIVE OF GETTING AQUINO OUT OF JAIL IS BEST SERVED BY RESTRICTING OURSELVES TO A BRIEF, GENERALIZED CONFIRMATION OF THAT INTEREST. AS YOU SAY, THIS IS A DELICATE ISSUE AND WE WILL WANT TO AVOID PROVIDING EITHER SIDE IN THIS  
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CONTEST A PRETEXT FOR LATER BLAMING THE U.S. FOR INTERVENTION SHOULD THE NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN FAIL.

3. I SUGGEST YOU TELL SALONGA THAT (A) I HAVE DISCUSSED THE ISSUE OF AQUINO'S DETENTION WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, INCLUDING THE LAST TIME I VISITED MANILA; (B) I HAVE DONE SO IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL

CONCERN WITH DUE PROCESS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES; AND (C)  
THE DETAILS OF THE CONVERSATIONS MUST REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL  
BETWEEN ME AND MARCOS. YOU SHOULD INDICATE TO SALONGA

THAT WE HOPE THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE SUCCESSFUL.

CHRISTOPHER

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